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True Born Englishman.

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*A True Born Englishman's a Contradiction,
In Speech an Irony, in Fact a Fiction.
A Banter made to be a test of Fools
Which those that use it justly ridicules.
A Metaphor invented to express
A Man a-kin to all the Universe.*

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INTRODUCTION.

SPEAK, *Satyr*, for there's none can tell like thee,
Whether 'tis Folly, Pride, or Knavery,
That makes this discontented Land appear
Less happy now in Times of Peace, than War:
Why Civil Feuds disturb the Nation more,
Than all our bloody Wars have done before.

Fools out of Favour grudge at Knaves in Place,
And Men are always honest in disgrace:
The Court Preferments make Men Knaves in course:
But they which would be in them, would be worse.
'Tis not at Foreigners that we repine,
Wou'd Foreigners their Perquisites resign:
The Grand Contention's plainly to be seen,
To get some Men put out, and some put in.
For this our Senators make long Harangues,
And florid Members whet their polished Tongues.
Statesmen are always sick of one Disease;
And a good Pension gives them present Ease.
That's the Specifick makes them all Content
With any King and any Government.
Good Patriots at Court-Abuses rail,
And all the Nation's Grievances bewail:
But when the *Sov'reign Balsam's* once apply'd
The Zealot never fails to change his side;
And when he must the *Golden Key* resign,
The Railing Spirit comes about again.

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*Who shall this Bubbl'd Nation disabuse,
While they their own Felicites refuse?*
~~Who at the Wars have made such mighty Pother,~~
And now are falling out with another:
With needless Fears the Jealous Nation fill,
And always have been faved against their will:
Who Fifty Millions Sterling have disburs'd
~~To be with Peace and too much Plenty Curs'd~~
Who there Old Monarch eagerly undo,
And yet uneasily obey the New.
Search, *Satyr*, search; a deep Incision make;
The poison's strong, the Antidote's too weak.
'Tis pointed Truth must manage this Dispute,
And down-right English *Englishmen* confute.
Whet thy just Anger at the Nation's Pride;
And with keen Phrase repel the Vicious Tide.
To *Englishmen* their own beginnings show,
And ask them why they slight their Neighbours so.
Go back to elder Times and Ages past,
And Nations into long Oblivion cast;
To old *Britannia*'s Youthful Days retire,
And there for *True-born Englishmen* enquire
Britannia freely will disown the Name,
And hardly knows herself from whence they came:
Wonders that They of all men shou'd pretend
to *Birth* and *Blood*, and for a Name contend.
Go back to Causes where our Follies dwell,
And fetch the dark Original from Hell:
Speak, *Satyr*, for there is none like thee can tell.

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WHEREVER God erects a House of Prayer,
The Devil always builds a Chapel there :
And 'twill be found upon Examination,
The latter has the largest Congregation :
For ever since he first debauch'd the Mind,
He made a perfect conquest of Mankind,
With Uniformity of service, he
Reigns with a general Aristocracy.
No Nonconforming Sects disturb his Regn,
For of his Yoak ther's very few Complaint,
He knows the Genius and the Inclination,
And matches proper Sins for ev'ry Nation.
He needs no standing Army Government ;
He always Rules us by our own Consent,
His Laws are easy, and his gentle Sway
Makes it exceeding pleasant to obey.
The List of his Vice-gerents and Commanders,
Out-does your Cæsars or your Alexanders,
They never fail of his infernal Aid,
And he's as certain ne'er to be betray'd.
Thro' all the World they spread his vast Command,
And Death's Eternal Empire is maintain'd.

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They rule so politickly and so well,
As if there were *Lords Justices of Hell*.
Duly divided to debauch Mankind,
And plant infernal Dictates in his Mind.

Pride, the first Peer, and president of Hell,
To his share *Spain*, the largest Province, fell.
The subtile Prince thought fittest to bestow
On these the Golden Mines of *Mexico*;
With all the Silver Mountains of *Peru*;
Wealth which would in wise hands the *World* undo:
Because he knew their Genius to be such;
Too *Lazy* and too *Haughty* to be *Rich*.
So proud a people, so above their *Fate*,
That if reduc'd to beg, they'll beg in *State*.
Lavish of *Money*, to be counted *Brave*,
And proudly starve, because they scorn to *live*.
Never was Nation in the *World* before,
So very *Rich*, and yet so very *Poor*.

Lust chose the Torid Zone of *Italy*,
Were *Blood* ferments in *Rapes* and *Sodomy*:
Were swelling *Veins* overflow with *livid Streams*,
With *Heat* impregnate from *Vesuvian Flames*:
Whose flowing *Sulphur* forms *Infernal Lakes*,
And *Human Body* of the *Soil* partakes.
There *Nature* ever burns with *hot Desires*,
Fann'd with *luxuriant Air* from *subteranean Fires*:
Here undisturb'd in *Floods* of *scalding Lust*,
Th' *Infernal king* reigns with *Infernal Gust*.

Drunk'ness, the Darling Favovrite of Hell,
Chose *Germany* to Rule; and Rules so well,
No Subjects more obsequiously obey,
None please so well, or are so pleas'd as they.
The cunning *Artist* manager so well,
He lets them Bow to *Heav'n*, and Drink to Hell.

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If but to Wine and him they Homage pay, }
He cares not to what Deity they Pray, }
What God they Worship most, or in what way. }
Whether by *Luther*, *Calvin*, or by *Rome*,
They sail for Heav'n, by Wine he steers them home.

Ungovern'd passion settled first in *France*,
Where Mankind lives in Haste, and thrives by Chance,
A *Dancing Nation*, Fickle and Untrue:
Have oft undone themselves, and others too:
Prompt the infernal Dictates to Obey,
And in Hell's Favour none more great than they.

The *Pagan World* he blindly leads away,
And personally Rules with Arbitrary Sway:
The Mask thrown off, *Plain Devil* his Title stands;
And what elsewhere he Tempts, he there Commands.
There with full gust th' Ambition of his Mind
Governs, as he of old in Heav'n design'd,
Worshipp'd as god, his *Painim Altars* smoke,
Embru'd with Blood of those that him invoke.

The rest by Deputies he rules as well,
And plants the distant Colonies of Hell.
By them his secret Power he well maintains,
And binds the World in his Infernal Chains.

By Zeal the *Irish*; and the *Rush* by Folly:
Fury the *Dane*: The *Swede* by Melancholy:
By stupid ignorance the *Muscovite*:
The *Chinese* by a *Child of Hell*, call'd wit;
Wealth makes the *Persian* too effeminate:
And Poverty the *Tartars* Desperate
The *Turks* and *Moors* by *Mah'met* he subdues
And God has given him leave to rule the Jews.
Rage rules the *Portuguese*, and Fraud the *Scots*
Revenge the *Pole*; and avarice the *Dutch*.
The *Satyr*, be kind, and draw a silent Veil,

Thy

Thy Native *England's* Vices to conceal ;
 Or if that talk's impossible to do,
 At least be just, and show her Virtues too ;
 Too great the first, Alas ? the last too few.

England unknown as yet, unpeopled lay ;
 Happy, had she remained so to this Day,
 And not to ev'ry Nation been a prey.
 Her open Harbours, and her Fertile Plains,
 The Merchants Glory these, and those the Swains,
 To ev' y Barbarous Nation have betrayed her,
 Who Conquer her as oft as they invade her,
 So Beauty, guarded but by Innocence,
 That ruins her which should be her Defence.

Ingratitude, a devil of *Black Renown*,
 Possess'd her very early for his own.
 An Ugly, Surly, Sullen, Selfish Spirit,
 Who Satan's worst Perfections does inherit :
 Second to him in Malice and in Force,
 All Devil without, and all within him Worse.

He made her first-born Race to be so rude,
 And suffered her to be so oft subdu'd :
 By sev'ral Crowds of wandering Thieves ov'r run,
 Often unpeopl'd, and as oft undone.
 While ev'ry Nation that her Powers reduc'd,
 Their Languages and Manners soon Infus'd.
 From whose mix'd Relicks our compounded Breed,
 By Spurious Generation does succeed ;
 Making a Race uncertain and uneven,
 Deriv'd from all the Nations under Heaven.

The Romans first with *Julius Caesar* came,
 Including all the Nations of that Name,
 Gauls, Greeks, and Lombards and by Computation,
 Auxiliaries, or slaves of ev'ry Nation.
 With *Hengist*, *Saxons*, *Danes* with *Sueno* came,

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In search of Plunder, not in search of Fame.

Scots, Picts, and Irish from th' *Hibernian Shore*;

And Conquering *William* brought the *Normans* o'er.

All these their Barb'rous Off-spring left behind,
The Dregs of Armies, they of all Mankind :
Blendid with *Britons*, who before were here,
Of whom the *Welch* ha' blest the Character.

From this Amphibious Ill-born Mob began

That vain ill-natur'd thing, an Englishman.

The Customs, Surnames, Languages, and Manners,

Of all these Nations are their own Explainers:

Whose Relicks are so lasting and so strong,

They ha' left a Sibboleth upon our Tongue ;

By which with easy search you may distinguish

Your Roman-Saxon-Danish Norman English.

The great Invading *Norman* let us know,

What Conquerors in After-times might do :

To ev'ry *Musqueteer* he brought to *Town*,

He gave the Lands which never were his own.

When first the *English* Crown he did obtain,

He did not send his *Dutchmen* home again.

No Re-assumption in his Reign were known,

Davenant might there ha' let his Book alone.

No Parliament his Army could disband;

He rais'd no Money, for he paid in Land.

He gave his Legions their Eternal Station,

And made them all Freeholders of the Nation,

He canton'd out the Country to his Men,

And ev'ry soldier was a Denizen.

The Rascals thus enrich'd, he call'd them *Lords*,

To please their Upstart Pride with new made Words;

And *Dooms-day Book* his Tyranny Records.

And here begins our ancient Pedigree

That so exalts our poor Nobility :

Tis

'Tis that from some *French* Trooper they derive,
 Who with the *Norman* Bastard did arrive :
 The Trophies of the Families appear ;
 Some show the Sword, the Bow, and some the Spear, }
 Which their Great Ancestor, *forsooth*, did wear.
 These in the Herald's Register remain,
 Their Noble *mean* Extraction to explain.
 Yet who the Hero was no Man can tell,
Whether a Drummer or a Colonel :
 The silent Record blushes to reveal
 Their Undescended dark Original.

But grant the best, How came the Change to pass ;
 A *True Born Englishman* of *Norman* Race ?
 A *Turkish* Horse can show more History,
 To prove his Well-descended Family.
Conquest, as by the Moderns 'tis exprest,
 May give a Title to the Lands possest :
 But that the Longest Sword shou'd be so Civil,
 To make a *Frenchman English*, that's the Devil.

These are the *Heroes* who despise the *Scotch*,
 And rail at new come Foreigners so much ;
 Forgetting that themselves are all deriy'd,
 From the most Scoundrel Race that ever liv'd,
 A horrid Crowd of Rambling Thieves and Drones,
 Who ransack'd Kingdoms, and dispeopled Towns.
 The *Pict* and Painted *Britons*, Treach'rous *Scot*,
 By Hunger, Theft, and Rapine, hither brought.
Norwegian Pirates, Buccaneering *Danes*,
 Whose Red-hair'd Off-spring every where remains,
 Who join'd with *Norman-French* compound the Breed,
 From whence your *True Born Englishmen* proceed.

And, lest by Length of Time, it be pretended,
 The Climate may this Modern Breed ha' mended ;
 Wise Providence, to keep us where we are,

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Mixes us daily with exceeding Care :

We have been *Europe's Sink, the Jakes where she*
Voids all her Offal Out-cast Progeny.

From our Fisrh *Henry's time, the Strolling Bands*
Of banish'd Fugitives from Neighbo'ring Lands

Have here a certain Sanctuary found,

Th' eternal Refuge of the Vagabond.

Where in but half a common Age of Time,

Borr'wing new Blood and Manners from the Clime,

Proudly they learn all Mankind to contemn,

And all their Race are *True Born Englishmen.*

Dutch, Walloons, Flemmings, Irishmen, and Scots,

Vaudois and Valtolins, and Hugenots.

In good Queen *Bess's Charitable Reign,*

Supply'd us with Three Hundred Thousand Men.

Religion, *God we thank thee, sent them hither,*

Priests, Protestants, *the Devil and all together*

Of all Professions, and of ev'ry Trade,

All that were persecuted or afraid;

Whether for Debt, or other Crimes they fled,

David at Hackelab was still their Head.

The Off-spring of this Miscellaneous Crowd,

Had not their new Plantations long enjoy'd,

But they grew *Englishmen, and rais'd their Votes*

At Foreign Shoals of *interloping Scots.*

The Royal Branch from *Pict-land* did succeed,

With Troops of *Scots* and *Scabs* from *North-by-Tweed.*

The Seven first Years of his *Pacifick Reign*

Made him and half his Nation *Englishmen*

Scots from the *Northern Frozen Banks of Tay.*

With Packs and Plaids came *Whigging* all away;

Thick as the Locusts which in *Egypt* iwarm'd,

With Pride and hungry hopes compleatly arm'd:

With Native *Truth, Diseases, and no Money,*

Plunder'd our *Canaan* of the Milk and Honey,

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Here they grew quickly Lords and Gentlemen,
And all their Race are *True Born* Englishmen.

The Civil Wars the common Purgative,
Which always use to make the Nation thrive,
Made way for all the strolling Congregation,
Which throng'd in pious *Charles's* Restoration.

The Royal Refugee our Breed restores,
With *Foreign Courtiers*, and with *Foreign Whores* ;
And carefully re-peopled us again,
Throughout his Lazy, Long, Lascivious Reign ;
With such a blest and True Born *English Fry*,
As much Illustrates our Nobility.

A Gratitude which will so black appear,
As future Ages must abhor to hear :

When they look back on all that Crimson Flood,
Which stream'd in *Lindsey's* and *Caernarvon's* Blood ;
Bold Stafford, Cambridge, Capel, Lucas, Lisse,
Who crown'd in Death his Father's Fun'ral Pike.
The Loss of whom in order to supply,
With *True Born* English bred Nobility,
Six Bastard Dukes survive his luscious Reign,
The Labours of Italian Castlemain,
French Portsmouth, Taby Scot, and Cambrian.
Besides the num'rous Bright and Virgin Throng,
Whose Female Glories shade them from my Song.

This Off'spring, if one Age they multiply,
May Half the House with *English* Peers supply :
There with true *English* Pride they may contemn
Schomborg and *Portland*, new made Noblemen.

French Cooks, *Scotch* Pedlars, and *Italian* Whores,
Where all made Lords, or Lords Progenitors.
Beggars and Bastards by his new Creation,
Much multiply'd the Peerage of the Nation :
Who will be all, e'er one short Age runs o'er,
As True Born Lords as those we had before.

Then to recruit the Commons he prepares,
And heals the latent breaches of the Wars ;
The Pious Purpose better to advance,
He invites the banish'd Protestants of *France* ;
Hither for God's sake and their own they fled,
Some for Religion came, and some for Bread :
Two Hundred Thousand pair of Wooden Shoes,
Who, God be thank'd, had nothing left to lose ;
To heaven's great Praise did for Religion fly,
To make us starve our Poor in Charity ;
In every Port they plant their fruitful Train,
To get a Race of *True Born Englishmen* :
Whose Children will, when riper Years they see,
Be as ill-natur'd, and as proud as we ;
Call themselves *English*, Foreigners despise,
Be Surly like us all, and just as Wise.

Thus, from a Mixture of all Kinds began,
That Het'rogenous *Thing*, *An Englishman* :
In eager Rapes, and furious Lust begot,
Betwixt a Painted *Briton* and a *Scot*,
Whose gend'ring Off-spring quickly learn'd to bow,
And yoke the Heifers to the *Roman* Plough :
From whence a Mongrel half bred Race there came,
With neither Name, for Nation, Speech o' Fame.
In whose hot Veins new Mixtures quickly ran,
Infus'd betwixt a *Saxon* and a *Dane*.
While their Rank Daughters, to their Parents just,
Receiv'd all Nations with promiscuous Lust.
His nauseous Brood directly did contain
The well extracted Blood of *Englishmen*.

Which Medley, canton'd in a Heptarchy,
A Rhapsody of Nations to supply,
Among themselves maintain'd eternal Wars,
And still the Ladies lov'd the Conquerors.

The *Western* Angles all the rest subdu'd ;
 A bloody Nation, barbarous and rude :
 Who by the *Tenure* of the Sword possest
 One Part of *Britain*, and subdu'd the rest.
 And as great Things denominate the small,
 The Conqu'ring Part gave *Title* to the whole.
 The *Scot*, *Pict*, *Briton*, *Roman*, *Dane* submit,
 And with the *English-Saxon* all Unite :
 And these the Mixture have so close pursu'd,
 The very Name and Memory's subdu'd ;
 No *Roman* now, no *Britain* does remain ;
Wales strove to separate, but strove in vain :
 The silent Nations undistinguish'd fail.
 An *Englishman*'s the common Name for all.
 Fate jumbl'd them together, *God* knows how,
 Whate'er they were, they're *True Born English* now.

The Wonder which remains is at our Pride,
 To value that which all wise Men deride,
 For *Englishmen* to boast of Generation,
 Cancels their Knowledge, and Lampoons the Nation.
 A *True Born Englishman*'s a Contradiction,
 In Speech an Irony, in Fact a Fiction.
 A Banter made to be a Test of Fools,
 Which those who use it justly ridicules.
 A Metaphor invented to express,
 A Man *a-kin* to all the Universe.

For as the *Scots*, as learned Men ha' said,
 Throughout the World their wand'ring seed ha' spread,
 So open-handed *England* 'tis Believ'd,
 Has all the Gleanings of the World Receiv'd.

Some think of *England* 'twas our Saviour meant.
 The Gospel should to all the World be sent :
 Since, when the blessed Sound did hither reach,
 They to all Nations might be said to Preach,

'Tis

"Tis well that Virtue gives Nobility,
How shall we else the want of Blood and Birth supply!
Since scarce one Family is left alive,
Which does not from some Foreigner derive.
Of Sixty Thousand *English* Gentlemen,
Whose Names and Arms in Registers remain,
We challenge all our Heralds to declare,
Ten Families which *English Saxons* are.
France justly boasts the Antient Noble Line
Of *Fourbon, Mommorency, and Lorrain*;
The *Germans* too, the House of *Austria* show,
And *Holland* their Invincible *Nassau*.
Lines which in Heraldry were antient grown,
Before the Name of *Englishmen* was known.
Even *Scotland* too, her elder Glory shows,
Her *Gourdons, Hamiltons, and Monroes*.
Douglas, Mackays, and Grahams, Names well known,
Long before Ancient *England* knew her own.

But *England*, modern to the last Degree,
Borrows or makes her own Nobility,
And yet she boldly boasts her Pedigree;
Repines that Foreigners are put upon her,
And talks of her Antiquity and Honour.
Her *Sackvills, Savils, Cecils, Delamers,*
Mobuns and Mountagues, Duras, and Veeres,
Not one have *English* Names, yet all are *English* Peers
Your *Houbtons, Papillons, and Lethuliers,*
Pass now for True Born *English* Knights and Squires,
And make good Senate Members or Lord-Mayors.
Wealth, howsoever got, in *England* makes
Lords of Mechanicks, Gentlemen of Rakes:
Antiquity and Birth are needless here;
"Tis Impudence and Money makes a Peer.

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Innumerable City Knights we know,
From *Bluecoat Hospitals* and *Bridewells* flow.
Draymen and Porters fill the City Chair,
And Foot-boys Majesterial Purple wear,
Fate has but very small Distinction set,
Betwixt the Counter and the Coronet.
Tarpaulin Lords, Pages of high Renown,
Rise up by Poor Mens Valour, not their own ;
Great Families of yesterday we show ;
And Lords, whose Parents were *the Lord knows who*.

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THE Breeds describ'd, Now *Satyr*, if you can
Their Tempers show, for *Manners make the Man*.
Fierce as the *Briton*, as the *Roman* brave ;
And less inclin'd to Conquer than to Save ;
Eager to fight and lavish of their Blood,
And equally of *Fear* and *Forecast* void.
The *Pict* has made them Sour, the *Dane* Morose,
False from the *Scot*, and from the *Norman* worse.
What Honesty they have, the *Saxons* gave them ;
And That, now they grow old, begins to leave them.
The Climate makes them terrible and Bold ;
And *English* Beef their Courage does uphold :
No Danger can their daring Spirit pall,
Always provided that their Belly's full.

In close Intrigues their Faculties but weak,
For generally whate'er they know they speak :

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And often their own Councils undermine,
By meer Infirmitie without Design ;
From whence the learned say it does proceed,
That *English* Treasons never can succeed
For they're so open-hearted, you may know
Their own most secret Thoughts, and others too.

The ab'ring Poor, in spight of Double Pay,
Are Sawcy, Mutinous, and Beggarly ;
So lavish of their Money and their Time,
That want of Forecast is the Nation's Crime.
Good Drunken Company is their Delight ;
And what they get by Day they spend by Night.
Dull Thinking seldom does their Heads engage,
But Drink their Youth away, and Hurry on Old Age.
Empty of all good Husbandry and Sense ;
And void of Manners most, when void of Pence :
Their strong aversion to Behaviour's such,
They always talk too little or too much.
So dull they never take the Pains to think :
And seldom are good-natur'd, *but in Drink.*

In *English* Ale their dear Enjoyment lies,
For which they'll starve themselves and Families.
An *Englishman* will fairly Drink as much,
As will maintain two Families of *Dutch* :
Subjecting all their Labour to the Pots,
The greatest Artists are the greatest Sots.
The Country poor do by Example live,
The Gentry lead them, and the Clergy drive ;
What may we not from such Examples hope ?
The Landlord is their God, the Priest their Pope.
A Drunken Clergy, and a Swearing Bench,
Has giv'n the Reformation such a Drench,
As wise men think there is some cause to doubt,
Will Purge good Manners and Religion out.

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Nor do the Poor alone their Liquor Prize,
The *ages* join in this great Sacrifice.
The learned Men who study *Aristotle*,
Correct him with an Explanation Bottle ;
Praise *picur s* rather than *Lysander*,
And *ristippus* more than *Alexander*.
The Doctors too their *Galen* here resign,
And gen'rally prescribe *Specifick Wine*.
The Graduates Study's grown an easier Task,
While for the *Urinal* they toss the *Flask*.
The Surgeon's Art grows plainer ev'ry Hour,
And Wine's the Balm which into Wounds they pour.

Poets long since *Parnassus* have forsaken,
And say the ancient Bards were all mistaken.
Apollo's lately abdicate and fled,
And good King *Bacchus* governs in his stead ;
He does the Chaos of the Head refine,
And Atom-Thoughts jump into Words by Wine.
The Inspiration's of a finer Nature ;
As Wine must needs excel *Parnassus* Water.

Statesmen their Politics refine,
And Soldiers raise their Courages by Wine ;
Cæcilia gives her Choiristers their Choice,
And let's them all drink Wine to clear their Voice.
Some think the Clergy first found out the Way,
And Wine's the only Spirit y which they Pray.
But others, less profane than so, agree,
It clears the Lungs, and helps the Memory :
And therefore all of them divinely think,
Instead of Study, 'tis as well to Drink.

And here I would be very glad to know,
Whether our *Assilites* may drink or no.
Th' Enlightned fumes of Wine would certainly,
Assist them much *when they begun to fly* ;

Or,

Or, if a fiery Chariot should appear,
Enflam'd by Wine, they'd ha' the leſs to fear.

Even the Gods themselves, as Mortals say,
Were they on Earth, wou'd be as drunk as they :
Nectar would be no more Celestial Drink,
They'd all take *Wine*, to teach them how to think :
But *English Druukards* Gods and men out-do,
Drink their Estates away, and Senses too
Colon's in Debt, and if his Friends should fail
To help him out, must die at last in Gaol ;
His *Wealthy Uncle* sent a Hundred Nobles,
To pay his trifles off, and rid him of his troubles.
But *Colon*, like a *True born Englishman*,
Drank all the Money out in *bright Champaign* ;
And *Colon* does in Custody remain.
Drunkenness has been the Darling of the Realm,
E'er since a Drunken Pilot had the Helm.

In their Religion they are so uueven,
That each Man goes *his own By way to Heaven*.
Tenacious of Mistakes to that degree,
That every Man pursues it sep'rately,
And fancies none can find the Way but he :
So shy of one another they are grown,
As if they strove to get to Heav'n alone.
Rigid and Zealous, Positive and Grave,
And ev'ry Grace, but Charity they have :
This makes them so Ill-natur'd and Uacivil,
That all Men think an *Englishman* the Devil.

Surly to Stangers, Froward to their Friend ;
Submit to Love with a reluctant Mind :
Resolv'd to be Ungrateful and Unkind.
If by Necessity reduc'd to ask,
The Giver has the difficultest Task.

For what's bestow'd they awkwardly receive,
 And always take less freely than they give,
 The Obligation is their highest Grief ;
And never Love where they accept Relief.
 So fallen in their sorrows that 'tis known,
 They'll rather die than their Afflictions own :
 And if reliev'd, it is too often true,
That they'll abuse their Benefactors too :
 For in Distress their Haughty's Stomach's such,
 They hate to see themselves oblig'd too much,
Seldom Contented, often in the Wrong ;
Hard to be pleas'd at all, and never long.

If your Mistakes their Ill Opinion gain,
 No Merit can their Favour re-obtain ;
 And if they're not Vindictive in their Fury,
 'Tis their Unconstant Temper does secure ye ;
 Their Brain's so cool, their Passion seldom burns :
 For all's condens'd before the Flame returns :
 The Fermentation's of so weak a Matter.
 The Humid damps the Fume, and runs it all to Water :
 So, tho' the Inclination may be strong,
 They're pleas'd by fits, and never Angry long.

Then if Good Nature shows some slender Proof,
 They never think they have Reward enough ;
 But like our Modern Quakers of the Town,
Expect your Manners, and Return you none.

Friendship, th' abstracted Union of the Mind,
 Which all Men seek, but very few can find :
 Of all the Nations in the Universe,
 None talk on't more, nor understand it less :
 For if it does their Property annoy,
 Their Property their Friendship will destroy,
 As you discourse them, you will hear them tell
 All Things in which they think they do excel :

No Panegyrick needs their Praise record ;
An Englishman ne'er wants his own good Word.
His long Discourses gen'rally appear,
Prolong'd with his own wond'rous Character ;
But first t' illustrate his own good Name,
He never fails his Neighbour to defame ;
And yet he really designs do wrong ;
His Malice goes no further than his Tongue.
But Pleas'd to Tattle, he delights to Rail,
To satisfy the Letch'ry of a Tale.
His own dear Praises close the ample Speech,
Tells you how Wise he is ; *that is, how Rich :*
For Wealth is Wisdom ; he that's Rich is Wise ;
And all Men Learned Poverty Despise.
His Generosity comes next, and then
Concludes that h's a *True Born Englishman* ;
And they 'tis known are Generous and Free,
Forgetting, and Forgiving Injury :
Which may be true, thus rightly understood,
Forgiving ill turns, and forgetting Good.

Chearful in Labour when they've undertouk it,
But out of Humour when they're out of Pocket :
But if their Belly, and their Pocket's full,
They may be Phlegmatick, but never Dull :
And if a Bottle does their Brain refine
It makes their Wit as sparkling as their Wine.
As for the general Vices which we find
They're guilty of in common with Mankind,
Satyr, forbear, and silently indure ;
We must conceal the Crimes we cannot cure.

N
Nor shall my Verse the brighter Sex defame ;
For *English* Beauty will preserve her Name
Beyond dispute, Agreeable and Fair,
And Modester than other Nations are :

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For where the Vice prevails, the great Temptation
Is want of Money more than Inclination :
In general, this only is allow'd,
They're something Noisy, and a little Proud.

An Englishman is gentlest in Command,
Obedience is a Stranger in the Land :
Hardly subjected to the Magistrate,
For Englishmen do all Subjection hate.
Humblest when Rich, but peevish when they're Poor;
And think whate'er they have, they Merit more.

The meanest English Plowman studies Law,
And keeps thereby the Magistrate in Awe :
Will boldly tell them what they ought to do,
And sometimes punish their Omission too.

Their Liberty and Property's so dear,
They scorn their Laws or Governors to fear ;
So bugbear'd with the Name of Slavery,
They can't submit to their own Liberty.
Restraint from Ill, is Freedom to the Wise ;
But Englishmen do all Restraint Despise.
Slaves to their Liquor, Drudges to the Pots,
The Mob are Statesmen, and their Statesmen Sots.

Their Governors they count such dangerous things,
That 'tis their Custom to affront their Kings :
So jealous of the Power their Kings posses'd,
They suffer'd neither Power nor Kings to rest.
The Bad with Force they eagerly subdue ;
The Good with constant Clamours they pursue ;
And did King Jesus Reign, they'd murmur too.
A discontented Nation, and by far
Harder to rule in Times of Peace than War :
Easily sat together by the Ears,
And full of causeless Jealousies and Fears :
Apt to Revolt, and willing to Rebel,
And never are contented when they're well.

No Government cou'd even please them long,
Cou'd tie their hands, or rectify their Tongue.

*In this, to Ancient Israel well compar'd,
Eternal Murmurs are among them heard.*

It was but lately that they were opprest,
Their Rights invaded, and their Laws supprest :
When nicely tender of their Liberty,
Lord ! What a Noise they made of Slavery.
In daily Tumults show'd their Discontent ;
Lampoon'd their King, and mock'd his Government.
And if in Arms they did not first appear,
'Twas want of Force, and not for want of Fear.
In humbler Tone than *English* us'd to do,
At foreign Hands, for Foreign Aid they sue.

Willam the great Successor of Nassau,
Their Prayers heard, and their Oppressions saw :
He saw and sav'd them : God and him they prais'd ;
To this their Thanks, to that their Trophies rais'd.
But glutted with their own Felicities,
They soon their New Deliverer Despise :
Say all their Prayer back, their Joy disown,
Unsing their Thanks, and pull their Trophies down :
Their Harps of Praise are on the Willows hung ;
For Englishmen are ne'er contented long.

The Rev'rend Clergy too, and who'd ha' thought
That they who had such Non-Resistance taught,
Should e'er to Arms against their Prince be brought ?
Who up to Heaven did Regal Pow'r advance ;
Subjecting *English* Laws to Modes of *France*.
Twisting Religion so with Loyalty,
As one could never Live, and t'other Die.
And yet no sooner did their Prince design
Their Glebes and Perquisite's to undermine,
But all their Passive Doctrines laid aside ;

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The Clergy their own Principles deny'd :
Unpreach'd their Non-resisting Cant, and Pray'd
To Heaven for Help, and to the Dutch for Aid.
The Church chim'd all their Doctrines back again,
And Pulpit Champions did the Cause maintain;
Flew in the Face of all their former Zeal,
And Non-Resistance did at once repeal.

The Rabbies say it would be too prolix,
To tie Religion up to Politicks :

The Churches Safety is Suprema Lex.
And so by a new Figur of their own,
Their former Doctrines all at once disown.
As Laws Post Facto in the Parliament,
In urgent Cases have obtain'd Assent ;
But are as dangerous Presidents laid by,
Made Lawful only by Necessity.

The Reverend Fathers then in Arms appear,
And Men of God became the Men of War.
The Nation Fir'd by them, to Arms apply,
Assault their Antichristian Monarchy ?
To their due Channel all our Laws restore,
And made things what they shou'd ha' been before.
But when they came to fill the vacant Throne,
And the Pale Priests look back on what they'd done ;
How English Liberty began to thrive,
And Church of England Loyalty out-Live :
How all their persecuting Days were done,
And their Deliverer plac'd upon the Throne :
The Priests, as Priests were wont to do, turn'd Tail ;
They're Englishmen, and Nature will prevail.
Now they deplore the Ruins they have made,
And murmur for the Master they betray'd,
Excuse those Crimes they could not make him mend :
And suffer for the Cause they can't defend.

Pretend

Pretend they'd not have carried things so high ;
And Proto-Martyrs made for Popery.

Had the Prince done as they design'd the thing,

Ha' set the Clergy up to Rule the King ;

Taken a *Donative* for coming hither,

And so ha' left their King and them together,

We had, say they, been now a happy Nation.

No doubt we'd seen a Blessed Reformation :

For wise Men say, 'tis as dangerous a thing,

A Ruling Priest-hood, as a Priest-rid King.

And of all Plagues with which Mankind are Curst,

Ecclesiastick Tyranny's the worst.

If all our former Grievances were feign'd,

King *James* has been abus'd, and we trapan'd ;

Bugbear'd with Popery and Power Despotick,

Tyrannick Government and Leagues Exotick :

The Revolution's a Phanatick Plot,

William a Tyrant, and King *James* was not :

A Factious Army, and a Poisoned Nation,

Unjustly forc'd King *James*'s Abdication.

But if he did the Subjects Right invade,

Then he was punish'd only, not betray'd ;

And punishing of Kings is no such Crime,

But Englishmen ha' done it many a Time.

When Kings the Sword of Justice first lay down,

They are no Kings, though they possess the Crown.

Titles are Shadows, crowns are empty things,

The Good of Subjects is the End of Kings ;

To guide in War, and to protect in Peace :

Where Tyrants once commence the Kings do tease :

For Arbitrary Power's so strange a Thing,

It makes the *Tyrant*, and unmakes the King.

If Kings by Foreign Priests and Armies Reign,

And lawless Power against their Oaths maintain,

Then Subjects must ha' Reason to complain.

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*If Oaths must bind us when our Kings do Ill ;
To call in Foreign Aid is to Rebel.
By Force to circumscribe our lawful Prince,
Is wilful Treason in the largest Sense :
And they who once rebel, most certainly,
Their God, and King, and former Oaths defy.
If we allow no Male Administration,
Could cancel the Allegiance of the Nation,
Let all our Learned Sons of Levy try,
This Eccles'astic Riddle to untie :
How they could make a Step to call the Prince,
And yet pretend to Oaths and Innocence.*

By th' first Address they made beyond the Seas,
They're Perjur'd in the most intense Degrees ;
And without Scruple for the time to come,
May Swear to all the Kings in Christendom.
And truly, didour Kings consider all,
They'd never, let the Clergy swear at all :
Their Politick Allegiance they'd refuse ;
For Whores and Priests will never want Excuse.

But if the *Mutual Contract* was dissolv'd,
The Doubts explain'd, the Difficulty solv'd :
*That Kings when they descend to Tyranny,
Dissolve the Bond, and leave the Subject free,*
The Government's ungirt, when Justice dies,
And Constitutions are Non-Entities.
The Nation's all a Mob, there's no such thing
As Lords or Commons, Parliament or King.
A great promiscuous Croud the Hydra lies,
Till Laws revive, and mutual Contract ties :
A Chaos free to chuse for their own share,
What Case of Government they please to wear :
If to a King they do the Reins commit,
All Men are bound in Conscience to submit :

But

But then that King must by his Oath assent,
To *Postulata's* of the Government ;
Which if he breaks, he cuts off the Entail,
And Power retreats to its Original.

This Doctrine has the Sanction of Assent,
From Nature's Universal Parliament.

The Voice of Nations, and the Course of Things,
Allow that Laws superior are to Kings.
None but Delinquents would have Justice cease,
Knaves rail at Laws, as Soldiers rail at Peace:
For Justice is the End of Government,
As Reason is the Test of Argument.

No Man was ever yet so void of Sense,
As to Debate the Right of Self-Defence ;
A Principle so grafted in the Mind,
With Nature born, and does like Nature bind :
Twisted with Reason, and with Nature too,
As neither one or t'other can undo.

Nor can this Right be less when National ;
Reason which governs one, should govern all.
Whate'er the Dialects of Courts may tell,
He that his Right Demands, can ne'er Rebel ;
Which Right, if 'tis by Governor's deny'd,
May be procur'd by Force, or Foreign Aid
For Tyranny's a Nation's Term of Grief ;
As Folks cry *Fire*, to hasten in Relief.
And when the hated Word is heard about,
All Men shou'd come to help the People out.

Thus *England* cry'd, *Britannia's* Voice was heard,
And great *Nassau* to rescue her appear'd ;
Call'd by the Universal Voice of Fate ;
God and the Peoples legal Magistrate.
Ye Heav'n's regard ! Almighty *Jove*, look down,
And view the injur'd Monarch on the Throne.

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On their Ungrateful Hands the Vengeance take,
Who sought his Aid, and then his Side forfacke.
Witness, ye Powers ! It was our Call alone,
Which now our Pride makes us ashame to own.
Britannia's troubles fetch'd him from afar,
To Court the dreadful Casualties of War :
But where Requital never can be made,
Acknowledgment's a Tribute seldom pay'd.

He dwelt in Bright *Maria's* circling Arms,
Defended by the Magick of her Charms,
From Foreign Fears, and from Domestick Harms.
Ambition found no Fuel for her Fire,
He had what God cou'd give, or Man desire.
Till Pity rouz'd him from his soft Repose :
His Life to unseen Hazards to expose ;
Till Pity mov'd him in our Cause t'appear ;
Pity ! *That Word which now me hate to hear.*
But *English* Gratitude is always such,
To hate the Hand which does oblige too much.

Britannia's Cries gave Birth to his Intent,
And hardly gain'd his unforeseen Assent :
His boding Thoughts foretold him he should find,
The People fickle, selfish, and Unkind.
Which Thought did to his Royal Heart appear,
More dreadful than the Dangers of the War :
For nothing grates a generous Mind so soon,
As base Returns for hearty Service done.
Satyr be silent, awfully prepare,
Britannia's Song, and *William's* Praise to hear.
Stand by, and let her chearfully rehearle,
Her grateful Vows in her immortal Praise.
Loud Fame's Eternal Trumpet let her Sound :
Listen ye distant Poles, and endless Round.
May the strong Blast the Welcome News convey,
As far as Sound can reach, or Spirit fly.

To

To Neighb'ring *Worlds*, if such there be, relate,
Our Hero's Fame, for theirs to imitate.
To distant *Worlds* of *Spirits* let her rehearse :
For Spirits without the help of Voice Converse.
May Angels hear the gladsome *News* on high,
Mix'd with their everlasting Symphony.
And Hell itself stand in *Suspence* to know,
Whether it be the Fatal *Blast*, or no.

BRITANNIA.

THE Fame of Virtue 'tis for which I sound,
And Heroes with immortal *Triumphs* Crown'd,
Fame built on solid Virtue swifter flies,
Than Morning Light can spread my Eastern Skies,
The gath'ring Air returns the doubling Sound,
And loud repeating Thunders force it round :
Echoes return from Caverns of the Deep :
Old Chaos Dreams on't in Eternal Sleep.
Time hands it forward to its latest Urn.
From whence it never, never shall return ;
Nothing is heard so far, or lasts so long ;
'Tis heard by ev'ry Ear and spoke by every Tongue.

My Hero with the Sails of Honour Furl'd,
Rises like the Great Genius of the World.
By Fate and Fame wisely prepar'd to be
The Soul of War, and Life of Victory.
He spreads the Wings of Virtue on the Throne,
And ev'ry *Wind of Glory* fans them on.
Immortal *Trophies* dwell upon his Brow,
Fresh as the Garlands he has won but now.

By different Steps the high Assent he gains,
And differently that high Assent maintains.
Princes for *Pride*, and *Lust of Rule*, make War :
And struggle for the Name of Conqueror.

Some Fight for Fame, and some for Victory;
He fights to Save, and Conquors to set Free.

Then seek no Phrase in Titles to conceal,
And hide with Words what Actions must reveal,
No Parallel from Hebrew Stories take,
Or God-like Kings my Similies to make:
No borrow'd Names conceal my living Theme;
But Names and Things directly I proclaim.
His honest Merit does his Glory raise;
Whom that Exalts, let no Man fear to Praise:
Of such a Subject no Man need be shy:
Virtue's above the Reach of Flattery,
He needs no Character but his own Fame,
Nor any flattering Titles, but his Name.
William's the Name that's spoke by ev'ry Tongue:
William's the Darling Subject of my Song,
Listen ye Virgins to the charming Sound,
And in Eternal Dances hand it round:
Your early Offerings to this Altar bring;
Make him at once a Lover and a King.
May he submit to none but to your Arms;
Nor ever be subdued, but by your Charms.
May your soft Thoughts for him be all Sublime;
And ev'ry tender Vow be made for him.
May he be first in ev'ry Morning Thought,
And Heav'n ne'er hear a Pray'r, where he's left out.
May ev'ry Omen, ev'ry boding Dream,
Be Fortunate by mentioning his Name;
May this one Charm Infernal Pow'rs affright,
And guard you from the Terrors of the Night,
May ev'ry cheerful Glass as it goes down,
To William's Health, be Cordials to your own.

Let ev'ry Song be Chorus'd with his Name,
And Musick pay her Tribute to his Fame,

Let ev'ry Poet tune his Artful Verse,
And in Immortal Strain his Deeds rehearse,
And may *Apollo* never more inspire
The Disobedient Bard with his Seraphick Fire :
May all my Sons their grateful Homage pay ;
His Praises sing, and for his Safety pray.

Satyr return to our Unthankful Isle,
Secur'd by Heaven's regard, and *William's* Toil :
To both Ungrateful, and to both Untrue ;
Rebels to God, and to good Nature too.

If e'er this Nation be Distress'd again,
To whomsoe'er they cry, they'll cry in vain.
To Heav'n they cannot have the Face to loo :
Or if they should, it woud but Heav'n provoke,
To hope for Help from Man would be too much ;
Mankind would always tell 'em of the Dutch :
How they came here our Freedoms to maintain,
Were Paid, and Curs'd, and *Hurry'd home again*.
How by their Aid we first dissolv'd our Fears,
And then our Helpers damn'd for Foreigners.
'Tis not our *English* Temper to do better ;
For *Englishmen* think ev'ry Man their Debtor.

Tis worth observing that we ne'er complain'd
Of Foreigners, nor of the Wealth they gain'd,
'Till all their Services were at an end,
Wise Men affirm it is the *English* way,
Never to Grumble till they come to Pay ;
And then they always think, their Temper's such,
The Work too little, and the Pay too much.

As frightened Patients when they want a Cure,
Bid any Price, and any Pain endure ;
But when the Doctor's Remedies appear,
The Cure's too easy, and the Price too Dear.

Great

Great *Portland* ne'er was banter'd when he strove
 For Us his Master's kindest Thought's to move.
 Wene'er *L'mpoon'd* his Conduct when employ'd,
 King *James's* secret Councils to divide:
 Then we caress'd him as the only Man,
 Which could the doubtful Oracle explain:
 The only *Hushai* able to repel,
 The dark designs of our *Achitaphel*.
 Compar'd his Master's Courage, to his Sense;
 The Ablest Statesman, and the bravest Prince.
 Ten Years in *English* Service he appear'd,
 And gain'd his Master's, and the World's Regard:
 But 'tis not *England's* Custom to Reward.
 The Wars are over, *England* needs him not;
 Now he's a *Dutchman* and the *Lord* knows what.

Schonberg, the Ablest Soldier of his Age,
 With *Great Nassau* did in our Cause engage.
 Both join'd for *England's* Rescue and Defence,
 The greatest Captain and the greatest Prince.
 With what Applause his Stories did we tell?
 Stories which *Europe's* Volumes largely swell.
 We counted him an Army in our Aid,
 Where he Commanded, no Man was afraid.
 His Actions with a constant Conquest shine,
 From *Villa Vitiosa* to the *Rhine*.
France, Flanders, Germany, his Fame confess;
 And all the World were fond of him but Us,
 Our Turn first serv'd, we grudg'd him the Command;
 Witness the Grateful Temper of the Land!

We blame the King that he relies too much
 On Strangers, *Germans, Hugonots, and Dutch*;
 And seldom would his great Affairs of State,
 To *English* Councillors Communicate.

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The Fact might very well be answer'd thus;
He has often been betray'd by us,
He must have been a Madman to rely
On *English* Gentlemen's Fidelity.
For, laying other Argument aside,
This Thought might mortify our *English* Pride,
That Foreigners have faithfully Obey'd him,
And none but *English* ^{men} have e'er Betray'd him.
They have our Ships and Merchants bought and sold,
And barter'd *English* Blood for Foreign Gold.
First to the *French* they sold our *Turkey* Fleet,
And Injur'd *Talmarsh* next, at *Camarot*.
The King himself is shelter'd from their Snares,
Not by his Merit but the Crown he wears.
Experience tells us 'tis the *English* way,
There Benefactors always to betray.
And lest Examples should be too remote,
A Modern Magistrate of famous Note,
Shall give you his own History by Rote.
I'll make it out, deny it he that can,
His Worship is a *True Born Englishman*,
In all the Latitude that empty Word
By Modern Acceptations understood.
The Parish Books his Great Descent Record,
And now he hopes e'er long to be a Lord.
And truly as Things go, it would be pity,
But such as he should *Represent the City*.
While Robb'ry for Burnt-offering he brings,
And gives to God what he has stole from Kings:
Great Monuments of Charity he rais'd,
And good St. Magnus whistles out his Praises.
To City Gaols he grants a Jubilee,
And hires *Huzza's* from his own Mobilee,

Lately

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Lately he wore the Golden Chain and Gown,
With which equip'd he thus harrangu'd the Town.

His Fine S P E E C H, &c.

WITH clouted Iron Shoes, and Sheep Skin
Breeches,
More Rags than Manners, and more Dirt than Riches,
From driving Cows and Calves to Layton Market,
While of my Greatness there appear'd no Spark yet,
Behold I come, to let you see the Pride,
With which exalted Beggars always Ride.

Born to the needful Labours of the Plow,
The Cart Whip Grac'd me, as the Chain does now.
Nature and Fate in doubt what Course to take,
Whether I shou'd a Lord or Plough Boy make;
Kindly at last resolv'd they would promote me,
At first a Knave, and then a Knight they vote me.
What Fate appointed, Nature did prepare,
And furnish'd me with an exceeding Care,
To fit me for what they design'd to have me:
And ev'ry Gift but Honesty they gave me:

And thus Equipp'd to this Pro d Town I came,
In quest of Bread, and not in quest of Fame,
Blind to my future Fate, a humble Boy,
Free from the Guilt and Glory I enjoy,
The Hopes which my Ambition entertain'd,
Were in the Name of Foot Boy all contain'd.
The Greatest Heights from Small Beginnings rise,
The Gods were great on Earth, before they reach'd the
Skies.

Backwell the Generous Temper of whose Mind,
Was always to be bountiful inclin'd.

Whether

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Whether by his ill Fate or Fancy led,
First took me up and furnish'd me with Bread :
The little Services he put me to,
Seem'd Labours, rather than were tru'y so,
But always my Advancement he design'd ;
For 'twas his very Nature to be kind.
Large was his Soul, his Tempe: ever free ;
The best of Masters and of Men to me.
And I who was before decreed by Fate,
To be made infamous as well as Great ;
With an obsequious diligence obey'd him,
Till trusted with his All, and then betray'd him.
All his past Kindnesses I trampled on.
Ruin'd his fortunes to erect my own.
So Vipers in the Bosom bred begin,
To hiss at that Hand which first took them in,
With eager Treach'ry I his Fall pursu'd,
And my first Trophies were *Ingratitude.*

Ingratitude, the worst of human Guilt,
The basest Action Mankind can commit ;
Which like the Sin against the Holy Ghost,
Has least of Honour and of Guilt the most ;
Distinguish'd from all other Crimes by this,
That 'tis a Crime which no Man will confess.
That Sin alone, which should not be forgiv'n
On Earth, altho', perhaps it may in Heaven.

Thus my first Benefactor I o'erthrew ;
And how shou'd I be to a second true ?
The public Trust came next into my care,
And to use them scurvily prepare :
My Needy Sov'reign Lord I play'd upon,
And lent him many a Thousand of his own ;
For which great Int'rests I took care to Charge,
And so my ill-got Wealth became so large.

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My Predecessor *Judas* was a Fool,
Fitter to ha' been whipt and sent to School,
Than Sell a Saviour: Had I been at Hand,
His Master had not been so cheap trepann'd:
I would ha' made the eager *Jews* ha' found,
For thirty Pieces, Thirty Thousand Pound.

My Cousin *Ziba*, of immortal Fame,
(*Ziba and I shall never want a Name:*)
First-born of Treason, nobly will advance
His Master's Fall for his Inheritance.
By whose keen Arts old *David* first began
To break his sacred Oath to *Jonathan*:
The good Old King 'tis thought was very loth.
To break his Word, and therefore broke his Oath.
Ziba's a Traitor of some Quality,
Yet *Ziba* might ha' been inform'd by me:
Had I been there, he ne'er had been Content
With half th' Estate, and half the Government.

In our late Revolution 'twas thought strange,
That I of all Mankind shou'd like the Change.
But they who wonder'd at it, never knew,
That in it I did my old Game pursue:
Nor had they heard of Twenty Thousand Pound,
Which ne'er was lost, yet never could be found.

Thus all things in their Turn to Sale I bring,
God and my Master first and then the King:
Till by successful Villainies made bold,
I thought to turn the Nation into Gold;
And so to Forgery my Hand I bent,
Not doubting I cou'd gull the Government;
But there was ruffl'd by the Parliament,
And if I escap'd the unhappy Tree to climb,
'Twas want of Law, and not for want of Crime.

But

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But my *Old Friend*, who Printed in my Face
A needful Competence of *English Brass*.
Having more Business yet for me to do,
And loth to lose his trusty Servant so,
Manag'd the Matter with such Art and Skill,
And sav'd his Hero and threw out the Bill,

And now I'm grac'd with unexpected Honours,
For which I'll certainly abuse the Donors :
Knighted, and made a Tribute of the People,
Whose Laws and Properties I'm like to keep well :
The *Custos Rotularum* of the City.
And Captain of the Guards of their *Banditti*.
Surrounded by my Catchpoles I declare,
Against the Needy Debtor open War.
I hang poor Thieves for stealing of your Pelf,
And suffer none to Rob you, but myself.

The King commanded me to help Reform ye ;
And how I'll do't, Miss shall inform ye,
I keep the best Seraglio in the Nation,
And hope in time to bring it into fashion.
No *Brimstone Whore* need fear the Lash from me,
That Part I'll leave to Brother *Jeffery*.
Our Gallants need not go abroad to *Rome*,
I'll keep a Whoring Jubilee at Home.
Whoring's the Darling of my Inclination ;
A'n't I a Magistrate for Reformation ?
For this my Praise is sung by ev'ry Bard,
For which *Bridewell* wou'd be a just Reward.
In Print my Panegyrics fill the Street,
And hired Goal Birds their Huzza's Repeat.
Some Charities contriv'd to make a show.
Have taught the needy Rabble to do so ;
Whose empty Noise is a Mechanick Fame,
Since for Sir *Belzebub* they'd do the same.

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The CONCLUSION.

THEN let us boast of Ancestors no more,
Or Deeds of Heroes done in Days of Yore,
In latent Records of the Ages past,
Behind the Rear of Time, in long Oblivion plac'd,
For if our Virtues must in Lines descend,
The Merit with the Families would end :
And Intermixtures would most fatal grow ;
For Vice would be Hereditary too ;
The tainted Blood woud of Necessity,
Involuntary Wickedness convey.

Vice, like Ill-Nature, for an Age or two,
May seem a Generation to pursue :
But Virtue seldom does regard the Breed,
Fools do the Wise, and Wise Men Fools succeed.
What is't to us, what Ancestors we had ?
If Good, what better ? or what worse, if Bad ?
Examples are for Imitation set,
Yet all Men follow Virtue with Regret.

Cou'd but our Ancestors retrieve their Fate,
And see their Off-spring thus Degenerate ;
How we contend for Births and Names unknown,
And build on their past Actions, not our own ;
They'd Cancel Records, and their Tombs Deface,
And openly disown the Vile Degenerate Race :
For Fame of Families is all a Cheat,
'Tis Pers'nal Virtue only make, us Great.

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